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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

## DISTRICT OF NEVADA

In re:	BK-S-06-10725-LBR Chapter 11
USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY )  Debtor )	Chapter 11
In re:	BK-S-06-10726-LBR Chapter 11
USA CAPITAL REALTY ADVISORS, LLC, Debtor	•
In re:	BK-S-06-10727-LBR Chapter 11
USA CAPITAL DIVERSIFIED TRUST DEED ) FUND, LLC, )	
Debtor )	
In re:	BK-S-06-10728-LBR Chapter 11
USA CAPITAL FIRST TRUST DEED FUND, ) LLC, )	·
Debtor )	
In re:	BK-S-06-10729-LBR Chapter 11
USA SECURITIES, LLC, Debtor	•
Affects:	
■ All Debtors )	
☐ USA Commercial Mortgage Co. )	
☐ USA Securities, LLC )	
□ USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC )	DATE: July 25, 2006
☐ USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed )	TIME: 9:30 AM
☐ USA First Trust Deed Fund, LLC )	

# SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF AND REQUEST FOR RULING ON ISSUE OF LAW

### **CASE HISTORY**

COMES NOW Stanley Alexander and others who are detailed in the Rule 2019 Disclosure filed by Robert C. LePome as Document #650 and move this Court for a decision on an issue of law that was extensively briefed to the Court on May 18, 2006 in Document #281. This brief is supplemental thereto.

Issue:

Does Debtor have a claim against good faith note-holders who were paid interest required under their notes when Debtor made payments to the holders without collection of the interest payments from the borrowers under the notes?

This issue was extensively briefed in Document #281 filed on May 18, 2006 and argued on June 5, 2006 and extensively re-argued on June 15, 2006. The issue is ripe for decision. The case law supports the view that the holders of notes who received payment from their servicer in the ordinary course of business may not be sued for the funds received. The servicer's remedy is against the borrower. There are no known cases to the contrary. Yet Debtor continues to file unsupported rhetoric. On June 20<sup>th</sup> in Document 750 at page 6 & 7 paragraph c, Mr. Allison states: "Currently the Mesinow team and its attorneys are diligently working to thoroughly investigate and evaluate the Debtors' files and records to determine, among other things, what portion of the funds held by USACM represent unpaid servicing and origination fees, which investors have been overpaid as a result of USACM's pre-

of the underlying loan (emphasis added), and which investors have been underpaid, including investors to whom principal repayments were not remitted when collateral was released pre-petition, and to propose the distribution of monies held in the Collection Account or to be collected in the future to investors in an appropriate manner under the law." See Fifth Supplemental Declaration of Thomas J. Allison in Support of Debtors' Motions at page 6 paragraph c lines 25-26 through page 7 line 8.

Such rhetoric is misleading because the actual practice of the Mesirow team is not to seek "reimbursement" from those who received regular intent payments on non-performing loans. Instead it reimbursed itself from the proceeds of each post-petition borrower's payoff proceeds for each advance to the lender plus late fees paid to the Debtor. In other words the Debtor has indeed followed the law which creates an account receivable against the borrowers in the amount of each payment of interest to the lenders. This account receivable is larger than the amounts paid. The practice of advancing the payment and "pocketing the late fees" has been followed by numerous servers for several decades. Indeed, it is so common that it is almost "standard procedure" among hard money servicers who do their own collecting. This "standard" procedure creates a source of income to the Debtor which is substantial. The Debtor, however, does not suggest in his rhetoric that the procedure which it has followed both pre-petition and post-petition is its sole remedy under the law. This Court must give the Debtor the guidance that it needs to make an appropriate

distribution under the law.

The issue is ripe for decision so that this Court will no longer have to listen to the legally unsupported assertions that there is somehow an issue of "which of your lenders will be sued by the other lenders whom you represent.". Such a result is not possible under existing law. The Court should so rule. Otherwise Debtor will be left to flounder in the quagmire of its own creation and be unable to "propose the distribution of moneys held in the Collection Account or to be collected in the future to investors in an appropriate manner under the law" as Debtor frequently states.

#### The Law

Once again the moving parties re-state the law which provides that the lender who receives a payment on his note from a third party is not liable to such third party where the lender receives payment in the ordinary course of business. See <u>Greenwald V. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation</u>, 241 F.3rd 76 (1<sup>st</sup> Cir. 2001). This is the law in each circuit which has examined this issue.

#### The Argument

The reason why there is no restitution is because there was no conversion. The lenders were entitled to their payment. The Third party (Debtor) has their remedy against the borrower. This is the remedy which the Debtor has in fact pursued. The Court needs to rule concerning the issue presented which is now ripe for decision. The Debtor needs to know that the <u>sole reason</u> why it is "diligently working on the accounts" is to determine how much of each pay-off constitutes reimbursement of

advances and late fees which now belong to the estate. The Debtor can then "disburse according to the law".

The result required by the law is a convenient one. The Debtor does not have to concern itself with bringing an action for recoupment created by Debtor's own misconduct. Since there is no claim for recoupment the equitable defenses of unclean hands and misconduct in violation of statute also become moot.

#### Conclusion

The Court should rule on the issue of law presented. The Court should rule that the Debtor has no claim against note-holders who were paid interest required under their notes and that the Debtor's sole remedy is against the borrowers and/or guarantors.

Respectfully Submitted,

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